

HANNAH G. STRONG.

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Mr. GALLINGER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT.

[To accompany S. 4743.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 4743) to increase the pension of Hannah G. Strong, have examined the same and report:

Claimant under this bill is a Mexican war widow, advanced in years, and in destitute circumstances, being almost wholly dependent upon a pension of \$8 per month for her support. Two aged sisters live with her in a small cottage worth not more than \$500, all of them living upon the barest necessities of life. The Senator who introduced the bill (Senator Sullivan, of Mississippi) is fully cognizant of the facts as above stated.

Your committee are of opinion that in a case such as this some degree of relief can properly be given by Congress, and accordingly recommend the passage of the following substitute bill.

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Hannah G. Strong, widow of William M. Strong, late private, Company F, First Mississippi Volunteers (Mexican war), and pay her a pension at the rate of \$16 per month in lieu of that she is now receiving.

Amend the title so that it will read: "A bill granting an increase of pension to Hannah G. Strong."